(c) and (d). the cases of illegal killing of wild animals are investigated by the respective State wildlife authorities and appropriate action taken under the law.

(e) The various measures taken for protection of wild animals include.

(i) Hunting of wild animals included in Schedules I to IV of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 has been banned by law.

(ii) Special measures for protection and conservation of tiger, elephants and rhinos and their habitat are being implemened.

(iii) A network of 441 wildlife sancturaries and 80 National parks covering 1,48,000 sq. km. has been set up for conservation fo wild flora and fauna. Financial assistance is provided by the Central Government for development of national parks and sanctuaries on request from the state Governments.

(iv) Raids are carried out by the wildlife authorities, whenever infromation of illegal trading in wildlife animals reaches them.

(v) International Trade in Endangered Species of animals and articles made thereof is regulated under the provisions of the convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

(vi) Regional and sub-regional offices of Wildife Preservation have been set-up mostly at the main export centres of the country to prevent smuggling of wildlife products.

(vii) Inter departmental coordination has been enhanced with other enfrocement organisations like Police, BSF, Customs, ITBP, Coast Guards etc. Training programmes on wildlife enforcement and implementation were also conducted for all these organisations at New Delhi and Dehradun during, 1995.

[Translation]

Railway line between Devas and Harda

1577. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether no Rilway line passes through the area between the Devas and Harda in Madhya Pradesh.

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to lay a railway line there;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted for laying a railway line between the said places;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether public and Railway administration have worked together in some places for laying new railway lines in the country; and

(f) if so, the type of co-operation likely to be expected from the public under this system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At present there is no proposal to lay a railway line between Devas and Harda.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) Shramdan for earthwork and permission to move and take materials to the site of work are the items which can be expected from the public in this system.

[English]

Temporary Workers in Railways

1578. SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased state :

(a) total number of temporary workers in the Railways at present, zone-wise;

(b) the time by which it is proposed to make them permanent; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c). It is presumed that the Question relates to confirmation of temporary Railway employees. As per the extant instructions, temporay Railway employees are confirmed in service on sucessful completion of the probation period. The confirmation of temporary employees is thus a continuing process. The number of temporary Railway employees at present zone-wise is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Budgetary Support to Railways

1579. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to restore the budgetary support atleast by sixty per cent to fulfil the needs of the Railways.

(b) whether in view of the said proposal any concrete programme of action for Railways has been prepared by the Ministry; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) The decision to allocate the available budgetary resources to different sectors, including Railways, is taken by Planning Commission in consultation with Ministry of Finance.